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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Reconnaissance Office

SUBJECT: Storage of U-2C/G Aircraft

REFERENCE: Memorandum from Director, National
                  Reconnaissance Office, dated 27 November
                  1968, Subject: ExCom Budget Decision,
                  U-2 Aircraft [   ]   25X1

   1. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide additional
documentation and justification for operating one U-2C/G at
Detachment G Edwards AFB, California.

   2. On 21 January 1969, the CIA forwarded a memorandum
that illustrated several potential uses (RED DOT Tests, [   ] etc.)   25X1
and rationale that would justify limited flying of U-2C/G aircraft
[   ] However, the memorandum did not mention a concern   25X1
for attrition losses during the early stages of U-2 pilot training.
Considering the limited number of first line U-2R aircraft in our
inventory, it is imperative that every possible measure be taken to
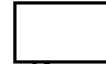prevent attrition losses through exposure to undue risks.

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    4. The training requirements outlined above for new pilots, plus the tests proposed in our previous memorandum on this subject can be accomplished by limited flying of one U-2C/G aircraft. Maintaining one U-2C/G aircraft in the flyable inventory at Detachment G for limited flying purposes as proposed will cost the NRP approximately [   ] per year.
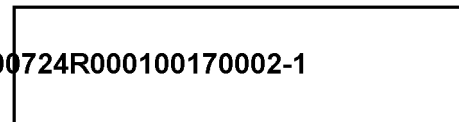
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